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SUBJ: ISCOR TO IMPORT FOREIGN COAL

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1. MINISTER OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS J.C. HEUNIS, ACCORDING TO PRESS REPORTS, HAS INFORMED PARLIAMENT THAT AN "IMMINENT-NEED EXISTS FOR IMPORTATION OF BETWEEN 500,000 AND ONE MILLION TONS OF FOREIGN HIGH QUALITY METALLURGICAL COAL. HE CITED LABOR SHORTAGES FOLLOWING RECENT RIOTS IN NATAL COLLIERIES (REFTELS) AS HAVING BROUGHT ABOUT SHORTAGE OF LOCAL COAL. PROBLEM FURTHER AGGRAVATED BY TRANSPORTATION DIFFICULTIES, DESPITE SOUTH AFRICAN RAILWAYS "FULL COOPERATION", AND UNFORESEEN DELAYS IN DELIVERY OF HIGH GRADE COAL FROM MOZAMBIQUE. WHEN QUESTIONED IN PARLIAMENT BY A UNITED PARTY REPRESENTATIVE, MINISTER WAS UNABLE TO STATE POSSIBLE SOURCE OF THE FOREIGN COAL NOR ANTICIPATED COST THEREOF.

2. COMMENT: THE ABOVE IS SUBMITTED AS A POSSIBLE TRADE OPPORTUNITY FOR INTERESTED UNITED STATES COAL EXPORTERS.
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